



City of Edmonds Media Release

Edmonds Cemetery Board, 700 Main Street, Edmonds, WA 98020

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 5/4/2016

To: Media

Contact: Melissa Johnson, Cemetery Board Vice-Chair, Edmonds Memorial Cemetery & Columbarium missyinedmonds@outlook, 425-672-1272

2016 EDMONDS MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

Edmonds Memorial Cemetery Announces 2016 Memorial Day Observance Program

(Edmonds - WA) Members of the Edmonds Cemetery and Columbarium Board cordially invite the public to attend the 34th Annual Memorial Day Observance on Monday, May 30th, 2016 at 11am. Edmonds Memorial Cemetery and Columbarium is located at 100th Ave. W. and 15th St. SW, one block north of the Westgate QFC. The event will take place rain or shine and is approximately one hour long.

Street parking is available along 100th Avenue West and 15th Avenue. Parking within the cemetery is limited to those with handicap-parking permits only. Limited seating is available. Guests are encouraged to bring their own folding chairs. Refreshments, including cookies provided by the Lynnwood Emblem Club #366 and coffee provided by Walnut Street Coffee will be served after the program. Visitors are also invited to stroll the cemetery grounds and take a self-guided tour using one of the cemetery's walking maps.

The Edmonds Memorial Cemetery was placed on the Washington State Register of Historic Places in 1972 and has over 400 veterans interred. In honor of Memorial Day, the graves of all veterans will be marked with a white cross and a miniature US flag.

Cemetery Board Member Patrick Kelly is Master of Ceremonies. This year we will be sharing the story of Frank Freese, Pfc, US Army, Croix de Guerre, WW I, 1918. **Other program highlights include** the Presentation of Colors, songs and music by the Kinetic Community Singers, the Edmonds-Woodway High School Brass Quintet, and Mike Barber, bag piper. The program will continue with Olivia Olson, Sophomore, Edmonds-Woodway High School reading her award winning VFW essay and remarks by Edmonds Mayor Dave Earling. The program ends with a rifle salute by the Washington National Honor Guard - Camp Murray and 'Echo Taps' by 1st Sgt Chris Edwards and Jackson Kettel, Senior, Edmonds-Woodway High School.

For questions, please contact Dale Hoggins, Cemetery Board Member at 425-776-1543

###